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1. REFTELS REPORT THAT RULING AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY VOTED FEBRUARY 7

TO ALLOW SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM ("PRG") TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION OFFICE
IN CANBERRA, FOLLOWING THE MODEL OF "PRG" OFFICES ALREADY SET UP IN
SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. GOA POLICY, HOWEVER, IS TO WAIT FOR THE "PRG"

TO INITIATE CONTACTS. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF HERE ON MARCH 4,

THERE HAS BEEN NO APPROACH BY "PRG" OFFICIAL PRESENCE THERE.
HOWEVER, NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE IN CANBERRA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT
WITH GOA TO URGE THAT IT ALLOW "PRG" TO ESTABLISH CONSULATE GENERAL
THERE.

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2. DRV CHARGE REPORTEDLY HAS TOLD GOA AT LEAST TWICE THAT SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ARE "MOVING TOWARD" ALLOWING "PRG" TO UPGRADE STATUS OF ITS OFFICES TO CONGENS. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES IN SCANDINAVIA, WHICH HAVE BEEN CHECKING WTH HOST GOVERNMENTS ON MODALITIES OF "PRG" OFFICES THERE, HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF SUCH MOVEMENT. THUS GOA PRESENTLY VIEWS DRV APPROACH AS MERE OPENING GAMBIT BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN EFFORT TO GAIN AS MUCH STATUS AS POSSIBLE FOR "PRG".
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